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DRAFT BRIEFING NOTES FOR MEDIA

IN ADVANCE OF THE PUBLIC MEETING, 7 AUGUST 2012:

Patrick Riley, Divisional Director, Eurovia Roadstone will be speaking at the meeting

About Eurovia Roadstone

Eurovia Roadstone is the asphalt production division of Eurovia in the UK, operating out of various locations across the country. Eurovia is an expert in the production of asphalt right across Europe where it has become *the* largest asphalt producer.

What is Asphalt?

Asphalt is a mixture of aggregates and bitumen used for constructing and maintaining all kinds of roads, footpaths and parking areas, as well as recreational sport areas.

Why is Eurovia Roadstone proposing an Asphalt Plant on the Isle of Wight?

We are proposing a very modern, low emission asphalt plant, designed to achieve the highest quality of asphalt material. Eurovia Roadstone has an agreement to supply the Highways PFI with specialist asphalt materials designed to ensure long-life surfacing solutions that will meet the exacting requirements stipulated by the Isle of Wight Council.

Additionally, in the long term we will also be able to supply competitively priced, high-quality, asphalt materials to other customers across the island.

We have considered the needs of the Isle of Wight Highways PFI contract with a fresh eye as it demands very high performance products, service lives and end performance. We strongly believe our proposal is the most sustainable future option for the island, the wharf and, in particular, the Highways PFI.

If permission is granted, this plant will provide significant inward investment to the Isle of Wight and permit much needed investment in the working wharf on the island.

A Lasting Legacy for the Isle of Wight

Having been in a competitive dialogue in the lead up to the tender announcement and subsequently negotiating mobilisation dates and finer contract details, we have been contractually restricted from discussing, openly, our proposal for fulfilling the Highways PFI tender.

As we are now moving toward a financial close we are in a position to engage with communities on the island and involve them in our plans for repairing, upgrading and maintaining the road network. Over the coming months, we will be attending a series of public meetings to address the concerns of local residents and now that we are allowed to present our evidence in support of our planning application, we are extremely confident that people will begin to see, not only that the proposed plant is essential to the success of the Highways PFI, but that it will also be a well maintained, managed and, crucially, environmentally-sensitive facility.

Full details of our planning submission can be found at:

<http://www.iwight.com/council/departments/planning>

We will be living and working on the Island for at least the next 25 years and we want to make sure our relationship with residents, businesses and visitors is a positive one. We will be employing local people and working hard to make sure the Highways PFI contract is a success for all concerned. Our goal is to make the necessary investments to the road infrastructure that will lead to greater inward investment and tourism for the Isle of Wight that benefits the whole community.

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